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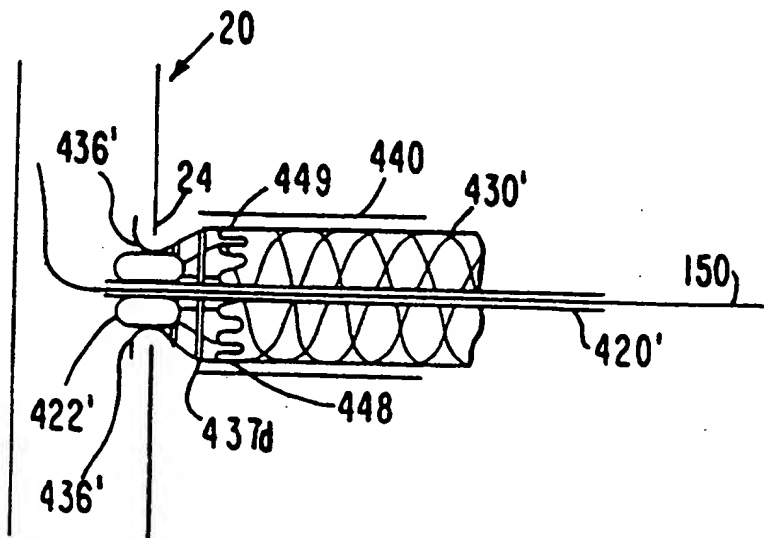
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(57) Abstract

A body tissue graft for use in a patient includes a frame structure made of a first elastic material, a covering of a second elastic material on the frame structure, the covering substantially filling openings in the frame structure, and a connector connected to the frame structure. Projections are secured to the connector structure. The projections facilitate attachment of the tubular graft in a patient by securing the graft to the body tissue with which the graft is employed. The connector selectively circumferentially expands and the projections selectively circumferentially expand. This may be done using an inflatable balloon to circumferentially expand the projections. A restraining member may be provided to restrain the projections in a cone shape so that an end of the graft may be used to open an aperture through a side wall of existing body organ tubing and a portion of the projections may enter the aperture.



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A graft having a frame structure with a covering and a connector fixed to the frame structure on both ends.

2. Claims: 66-119

A connector to be inserted inside into a graft and which is enlargeable to press the graft into body tissue.

3. Claims: 120-125

A graft having two spaced annular flange portions.

4. Claim : 126

An artificial graft having a first tubular portion and a second tubular portion which is transverse and in fluid communication with the first tubular portion.

5. Claims: 130-142

An apparatus to extend a graft having struts on its outer ends in a cone-shaped arrangement.

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